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RELATS et al.

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For: **FLEXIBLE PROTECTIVE CORRUGATED TUBE**

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Dear Commissioner:

This is an amendment made pursuant to Request for Continued Examination (RCE), responsive to a Final Office Action having a mailing date of April 28, 2009. The three month shortened statutory period to respond is set to July 28, 2009. Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments of Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.